A majority of Massachusetts voters agree: We need to press pause on unregulated government face surveillance.

A first-of-its-kind poll released by the ACLU of Massachusetts found that a majority of Massachusetts voters have concerns about face recognition surveillance technology, think it is important to regulate the state government’s use of the technology, and support a moratorium on its use until regulations are put in place.

- **91%**
  - Nine-in-10 (91%) Massachusetts voters think the Commonwealth needs to regulate the government’s ongoing use of face surveillance technology.

- **79%**
  - Seventy-nine percent (79%) of voters support a moratorium to press pause on government use of face surveillance technology, which is currently unregulated in Massachusetts.

- **76%**
  - Seventy-six percent (76%) of voters do not think the government should be able to monitor and track people with this technology.

The Face Surveillance Moratorium Act (S.1385/H.1538) would press pause on unregulated government use of face surveillance and other biometric screening technologies until the legislature imposes checks and balances to protect the public’s interest. According to the poll, establishing a moratorium enjoys wide bipartisan voter support: Eighty-four percent (84%) of Democrats, eighty-two percent (82%) of Independents, and fifty percent (50%) of Republicans favor a moratorium.

The survey—conducted by Beacon Research, polling experts who have surveyed the state’s voters for dozens of campaigns and initiatives—interviewed by telephone 503 Massachusetts registered voters. The poll has a margin of error of +/-4.